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METHOD OF MAKING ABSORBENT For: SHEET FROM RECYCLE FURNISH

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Other Information

Patents

- U.S. Patent No. 4,351,699, issued September 28, 1982, entitled "Soft, Absorbent Tissue Paper", to Osborn, III;
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